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Multiple Concerns Expressed In Worksession on Standpipe

by Carol Griffith

The entire Greenbelt City Council met with representatives of WSSC on May 20 in a second worksession concerning updates to the WSSC Standpipe Rehabilitation Project. Safety and environmental concerns dominated the discussion. The first worksession about the project took place on October 30, 2023 (see the November 16, 2023, issue).

The standpipe, commonly

called a water tower, is located at the corner of Ridge Road and Lastner Lane. Constructed in 1936, the standpipe is on one of the highest points in Prince George's County. WSSC's standpipes serve as emergency sources of water and all are located in elevated areas throughout the county.

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PHOTO BY LESLEY KASH

The standpipe is visible behind the house at 241 Lastner Lane that WSSC purchased last year.

1938 Greenbelt High School Building Named Historic Site

by Erica Johns

The Prince George's County Historical Preservation Commission (HPC) unanimously agreed to designate the original 1938 Greenbelt High School, today's Dora Kennedy French Immersion (DKFI) School building, as a Prince George's County Historic Site. The historic site designation will be recorded as Greenbelt High School. This decision was triggered by the announcement that Prince George's County Public Schools (PGPCS) planned to

demolish the building.

The virtual meeting included the seven HPC commissioners and Prince George's County Planning Department Historic Preservation staff. PGPCS was represented by the Department of Capital Programs senior mechanical engineer Dawn Holton, and the City of Greenbelt by Terri Hruby, director of Planning and Community Development.

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PHOTO COURTESY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The 1938 entrance to what was then Greenbelt High School, shown with Miss Stubb's 1943 GHS sophomore homeroom. It's clear that the building, now housing Dora Kennedy French Immersion, has retained its architectural integrity.

Memorial Day at American Legion Honors Those Who Defended Country

by Butch Hicks



PHOTO BY BUTCH HICKS

Mayor Emmett Jordan presents the Memorial Day Proclamation to officers of American Legion Post 136. Pictured from left: Greenbelt City Councilmembers Silke Pope, Jenni Pompei and Rodney Roberts; Jordan, Auxiliary Unit 136 Treasurer Sandi Dutton, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 136 Commander Lenny Wertz, Post 136 Commander Greg Gigliotti, State Senator Alonzo Washington, Delegates Anne Healey and Ashanti Martinez

American Legion Post 136 held Memorial Day services at its post, rather than at Greenbelt's War Memorial Park this year, to avoid predicted inclement weather. Even with the change in venue, Post 136 Commander Greg Gigliotti greeted more than 100 local participants coming to honor fallen veterans who gave the last full measure of devotion defending our country. Gigliotti said that during Memorial Day

services, we honor the more than one million men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation while serving in wars and missions since the American Revolution.

"Each story is unique," he said, "and each story represents heartbreak to the family and friends left to mourn." Gigliotti told the story of one hero. "There was Private Furman L. Smith, who served with the Army's

135th Infantry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division. Eighty years ago, his unit came under intense fire from German forces near Lanuvio, Italy. Severely outnumbered by the enemy, Private Smith tended to seriously wounded comrades, even as others withdrew. Smith emptied clip after clip of his M-1 Garand rifle and killed at least 10 enemy soldiers before he was

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City Seeks Input from Community On Outreach Methods, DEI Goals

by Melissa Sites

A group of about 30 people from around Greenbelt met at Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Sunday, May 26 to talk about "working for a connected and equitable Greenbelt."

Tyra Smith, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) officer for the City of Greenbelt, presented information about the city's DEI audit process. For Phase 1, the internal audit, city employees filled out anonymous surveys, and the results are available on the city website at [greenbeltnmd.gov/government/diversity-equity-and-](https://greenbeltnmd.gov/government/diversity-equity-and-inclusion)

inclusion. Smith conveyed that employees are happy and grateful that this process is bringing their experiences to light; she said they are eager to get involved and hopeful to see change.

Phase 2, the community phase of the audit, will start in August, and will provide a fuller picture of how Greenbelt can move forward to reach DEI goals. Smith also encouraged Greenbelt residents to take a pre-process survey

that will help shape how Phase 2 data gathering will occur, including finding convenient times and locations for town halls, focus groups and interviews. The pre-process survey can be found at forms.office.com/r/eWt3XN0LDZ, or contact Smith directly at 240-542-2034 or tsmith@greenbeltnmd.gov.

The goal for Phase 2 of the

See DEI, page 8

What Goes On

Monday, June 3
7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, June 5
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Reparations Commission/Phase 2 JEDI Audit Process Presentation, Municipal Building

See the meetings calendar on page 5 or visit greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.



PHOTO BY DEBRA WHITE

Greenbriar celebrated 50 years on May 25. See story on p.12.

Letters to the Editor

Publish Authors' Names

Articles published in the Greenbelt News Review should include author names. I understand that attribution may not be necessary for community notes and related items. However, GreenCAPS (Greenbelt Citizens Avoiding Pesticides) has been submitting unattributed articles about mosquito control. These articles include interpretation of primary scientific literature and

imply that their advice will reduce transmission of vector-borne disease. Public health guidance should not be sourced from community groups with no attribution.

The University of Maryland Extension program and other public-serving entities provide credentialed advice on this topic. See, for example: <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/controlling-mosquitoes/>.

Lisa M. Knolhoff

Happy Greenbelt Day!

Free Joint Concert For Greenbelt Day

On Sunday, June 2, the Greenbelt Concert Band and Greenbelt Community Orchestra will give a free joint concert in the Community Center gym to celebrate Greenbelt Day Weekend. The concert band will perform at 3 p.m., followed at approximately 4 p.m., after a short intermission, by the orchestra. The orchestra program will consist of Aaron Copland's Outdoor Overture and his suite from The City, including Greenbelt's own theme tune, as well as two short pieces for strings.

For more information, visit greenbeltorchestra.org.



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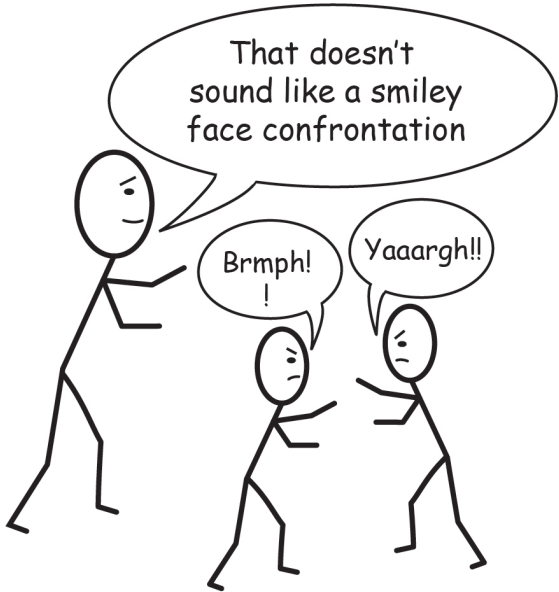
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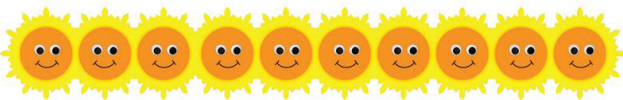
Topper (NR) (1937) (97 mins)
Cinema Classic - Free!

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 1:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM



Only the wording changes: Teacher overheard sorting out her charges in the GES playground

- by Cathie Meetre, a former teacher whose yard backs up to the Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) playground



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On Saturday, May 25, the Fourth Saturday Jazz Jam at the New Deal Café packed the house. The band includes Michael Grasso on piano, Steve Raft on guitar, Doug Perry on bass and Bam Feldman and Art McKinney on drums. Instrumental musicians and singers of all skill levels are invited to sit in with the house band at each jam.



A beaver swims in Greenbelt Lake on Monday, May 20.

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Ezra

The film follows Max Bernal (Bobby Cannavale), a stand-up comedian living with his father (Robert De Niro), while struggling to co-parent his autistic son Ezra (introducing William Fitzgerald) with his ex-wife (Rose Byrne). When forced to confront difficult decisions about Ezra's future, Max and Ezra embark on a cross-country road trip that has a transcendent impact on both their lives. Directed by Tony Goldwyn, who also appears in the film alongside additional cast members Vera Farmiga, Rainn Wilson and Whoopi Goldberg, the film is an endearing and often funny exploration of a family determined to find their way through life's complexities with humor, compassion and heart.

IF

IF is about a girl who discovers that she can see everyone's imaginary friends – and what she does with that superpower – as she embarks on a magical adventure to reconnect forgotten IFs with their kids. The live-action animated fantasy comedy film was written, produced and directed by John Krasinski. The ensemble cast includes Cailey Fleming, Ryan Reynolds, Krasinski, Fiona Shaw, Alan Kim and Liza Colón-Zayas, along with the voices of Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Louis Gossett Jr. and Steve Carell.

Topper

George (Cary Grant) and Marion Kerby (Constance Bennett) are a young, happy-go-lucky couple who love to party. But after a car accident kills them both, they discover that they haven't done enough good deeds to earn a trip to heaven. To remedy this problem, they decide to help their old uptight boss, Cosmo Topper (Roland Young), live a little. While Topper begins to take their ghostly advice and enjoy life for a change, his controlling wife finds her husband's laid-back behavior infuriating.

Community Events

At the Library

Regular hours for the Greenbelt Library are Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Face masks are recommended for all customers over the age of 2.

Storytimes

Friday, May 31, 12:15 p.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10356780.

Monday, June 3, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10630159.

Wednesday, June 5, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10630234.

Books at Bedtime

Wednesday, June 5, 6:30 p.m., ages newborn to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10630329.

Ride and Read

Thursday, June 6, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Get some physical activity in while at the Library. Sign up for an hour ride on one of the stationary bikes with great free apps like Libby, Kanopy and Freegal to enjoy while working out. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10650547.

Summer Prince George's

The Washington Nationals and the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) are partnering to present Summer Prince George's (SPG), a program for all ages that runs from May 20 through August 15. More than a traditional summer reading program, SPG encourages children, teens and adults to read 30 minutes each day, attend Library programs, explore the Library's physical collection of materials as well as a wide range of streaming movies and music in the 85+ online Library resources and participate in interactive social media challenges. Library customers may register for the SPG challenge at pgcmls.info/summer and log reading, event attendance and online resource activities to earn badges and prizes. This year's prizes include tote bags, T-shirts, vouchers for Washington Nationals tickets and grand prizes. Those interested can pick up an SPG paper card to track activities or register for the challenge on PGCMLS's Beanstack app.

Français, s'il vous plaît: French at the Café

A group of people interested in speaking French meets at the New Deal Café every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All ages, all levels of fluency are welcome.

Complexities of Aging Forum on Sat., June 1

The Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee is holding its 2024 Not for Seniors Only educational presentation for people of all ages on Saturday, June 1 at 1 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center. The event is titled Navigating the Complexities of Aging and will feature two speakers. Geriatrics specialist Ann Craynon will address How a Healthcare Advocate can Facilitate a Positive Outcome. She will discuss how to take an active role in an individual's medical planning and will use a sample case study to demonstrate how a healthcare advocate can help a person get through the maze that is healthcare today. She will speak from 1 to 1:30 p.m.

Attorney Paula M. Mattson-Sarli will speak on why Estate Planning Is Not One Size Fits All. Mattson-Sarli, an accredited attorney with the Veteran's Administration, will talk about current estate law and elder planning, including information gleaned from her extensive experience dealing with clients with armed services backgrounds. She will speak from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

The time remaining will be allocated to audience questions. If there is not enough time during the seminar, both speakers have indicated that they will stay after and answer as many questions as possible.

Registration is not required. For more information, call 240-542-2189.

Star Party

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, June 1 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see deep sky objects such as galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. All are welcome and there is no charge. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own telescopes to set up on the hilltop. Observing will begin at 9:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.



Emerald City Pride Festival, Parade

Saturday, June 15, 11 a.m. Parade Meetup at Spellman Overpass on Gardenway led by Greenbelt Honk Situation!

Noon to 3 p.m., Festival at Roosevelt Center with live DJ, Drag Queen and King performances, informational resource tables, free on-site STI testing

8 p.m. Drag Bingo with D'Manda Martini at Beltway Plaza; must be 21+



Book Sale Returns, Coordinator Sought

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA has held its beloved Used Book Sale for more than 50 years at Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival. This summer, the PTA is planning a paid position for someone who will help coordinate the sale; specifically, a person or organization to coordinate and recruit volunteers. See the ad in this issue. The Book Sale is the only PTA fundraiser for the school year and has allowed the purchase of a variety of things that support students and teachers, including art and music supplies, field trips and teacher appreciation gifts. It is also a cherished community event that makes high quality books available at an affordable price for the broader community. The coordinator need not be affiliated with Greenbelt Elementary School to apply for this position. Contact: booksalegespta@gmail.com.



Music at The SPACE

On Saturday, June 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. The SPACE Free Art For All, in Beltway Plaza, will host Rooftop Underground live music, open mic and pop-up market hosted by PhreeSpace Collective in partnership with The SPACE. Email PhreeSpacebooking@gmail.com for additional information.

GCC Hosts Family Fun Day June 9

Greenbelt Family Fun Day at Greenbelt Community Church is set for Sunday, June 9 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring lawn chairs and a picnic to enjoy the afternoon's free entertainment, including water-fights in designated areas so children (and others) can get wet, a visit from fire fighters with their fire truck and police officers with a squad car so picnic-goers can see the equipment up close and a concert from the church's own rock band, the Relics, starting at 1:30 p.m. Greenbelt Community Church is located at 1 Hillside Road.

Creative Arts Student Awards

The Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, in collaboration with the Prince George's Lynching Memorial Project, will host the Social Justice and Creative Arts Student Awards ceremony in recognition of June-teenth in Greenbelt, on Saturday, June 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 201.

The public is invited to join in celebrating talented high school youth from throughout Prince George's County high schools. For additional information email blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com.

Interfaith Conversation At Community Church

On Monday, June 3 at 7 p.m., Greenbelt Community Church, in conjunction with Prince George's County Human Rights Office outreach team will host an interfaith conversation on the concept of pilgrimage and what it means to Muslim, Sikh and Christian communities. The speakers are Dr. Aref Dajani, Dr. Hema Sidhu and Reverend Ellen Witko. The event will be held in the GCC social hall. Light refreshments to follow.

Goddard Visitor Center Seeks Summer Help

The Goddard Visitor Center has in-person volunteer opportunities for high school students this summer. Opportunities include providing demonstrations and assisting with weekday programs and weekend events. Students who are at least 16 years old and are interested in volunteering at the visitor center can email Amanda Harvey, visitor center program coordinator, at amanda.c.harvey@nasa.gov by Tuesday, June 11 at 5 p.m. Applicants should include their name, age and grade during the 2023-2024 school year, as well as a short paragraph describing why they would be interested in volunteering. There will be a virtual interview on Friday, June 14 or Saturday, June 15. Those selected for the volunteer program will need to be available for a required training session on Saturday, June 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Note the updated start time. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, on Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions.

Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one third of recommended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.



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Meet the Greenbelt Concert Band!
Interested in the Greenbelt Concert Band? We are too! Tune in to see our informational segment on the Band; learn where they play, what they love most about performing, and how you can join!

All this and more on the GATE channel this week! Check [greenbeltaccessstv.org](https://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org) for the full broadcast schedule, and visit [Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/greenbeltaccesstv) for new video productions.



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FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm Poor Ellen Smith Band 7-9pm Vintage bluegrass	The Roustabouts 7-10pm A fresh take on blues and roots' covers with a dynamic lead fiddle	The Gayle Harrod Band 7-10pm Momentous sound, solid, engaging performances	NDC BOARD ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 1 - 3pm Scotch and Soda 6-8pm Jazz, Latin and swing	
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Obituaries

Jerriann King



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Jerriann King

Jerriann Weber King, 89, of Greenbelt, died in her residence on May 19, 2024. She was best known for her resilience and, of course, her gift of gab. A friend to more than she could ever know, an unyielding mother, tough loving grandmother and a tenacious great-grandmother.

Jerriann was born to Edgar and Vera Weber in Berlin, N.H., on April 12, 1935. “Near the borderline of Canada” she’d always specify. She loved to talk of her time with her parents, moving to Greenbelt in 1943 and her travels to Ocala, Fla. Her stories of carpooling to and from Hyattsville and working as a single mother raising three boys were always compelling.

Jerriann attended elementary school at Center School, now the Community Center. After junior high she attended Northwestern High School and graduated in 1954. In 1956, Jerriann completed the stenographic course at Strayer College in Washington, D.C. Taking her diploma and putting it to use, she landed legal secretarial work in Hyattsville and sparked her passion for politics. Working for Hervey Machen and putting in hard work on Capitol Hill next to people like Gladys Spellman and Steny Hoyer paid off for the young single mother

and opened the doors to working at the American Federation of Government Employees. She had worked there for 31 years when she proudly retired in 1999.

Jerriann loved 44 Court Ridge, where she raised her boys. After tragically losing her middle son in 1987, Greenbelt, and especially 44 Court, became more like family than she ever realized. Honorable mentions to Ronald England and his late wife Mary Lou and the entire Ivy family for being such a huge light in Jerriann’s life, especially Kelly Sr. (RIP), Linda, Kelly Jr., Jamie, Amanda and Emily.

As much as she loved Greenbelt, Jerriann enjoyed her state-side adventures with the best of friends and their trips up and down the coast. It’s not clear whether she loved the company or the restaurants they traditionally visited more. Her love of history and the finer things brought her to start taking cruises to far-off places. Croatia was one of her favorites to reminisce about. When she couldn’t travel, Rick Steves on PBS filled that travel itch.

Jerriann was most fond of the Greenbelt Community Church. She loved putting on her Sunday best every week and showing up. Some of the favorite events were Lunch on the Lawn and Agape Meal nights, to name a few. She always either thought it was Sunday or asked if/when it would be. How fitting that her soul would find peace on a beautiful Sunday morning.

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St. Hugh’s Sodality Tea Offers Time for Friends, Memories

by Mary Moien

On May 19, St. Hugh’s Sodality of Our Lady held a tea to party with friends and neighbors and to honor the memory of Bridget McDermott. Bridget was a longtime member of the parish who helped out whenever and wherever needed. She especially loved an Irish tea and these teas help keep her memory alive.

The tea this year was chaired by Barbara Ford, with help from many ladies in the parish. The tea table held a large selection of tea sandwiches and desserts. Donna Peterson spoke on women in the Bible. A highlight of the party is always the fancy hat parade for women, men and children. Franca Onunkwo’s hat was declared the most beautiful this year.



PHOTO BY MARTI GALVIN



Condolences to the family and friends of Jerriann King who came to Greenbelt as a child and raised her own children here. She’ll be missed by her many friends.

Congratulations to the 12 students who received ACE Awards at last week’s ceremony and to the winners of the David Craig Memorial Scholarship.

Congratulations to the Greenbelt cricket team who won their league tournament for the third consecutive year. Congratulations to the Eleanor Roosevelt softball team on making it to the state final and their fantastic 21-1 season.

Congratulations to Greenbelt Police Officers Erick Alvarez, J. Forney and Michael Watkins on their promotion to the rank of Private First Class.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Shown at the St. Hugh's Sodality tea on May 19, Lois Gorman in red, Franca Onunkwo wearing the winning orange fascinator and Mara Granzow so chic in green



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even as I have loved you,
that you also love one another.”
John 13:34



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June 2, 2024 at 3:00 pm
The Call of Beauty

Rev. Ann Kadlecsek with Worship Associate Lula Beatty

“Beauty,” says the poet John O’Donohue, “is not a neutral thing. It’s actually calling you.” In this service, we’ll explore the call of beauty, as we hold our annual flower ceremony. If you can, please bring a flower to share, and you will receive a different flower to take away with you.

Streaming on PBUUC’s Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 3, 2024 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Petitions and Requests
Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations
- Small Cities Month Proclamation
* Minutes
- Statement for the Record - Closed Session - May 22, 2024
- Administrative Reports
* Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- FY2025 Budget Adoption
- An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund, Building Capital Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Replacement Fund, Special Project Fund, Green Ridge House Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Community Development Block Grant Fund, and Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund Budgets for the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Appropriate Funds and Establish Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2025 Beginning July 1, 2024 and including June 30, 2025.
- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Laserfiche Annual Maintenance
- Comcast Franchise Agreement
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
* Meetings
* Stakeholders
* T-Mobile request for a 110' Temporary Monopole at Standpipe Property
* Resignation/Appointment to Advisory Board

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS 101

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1 PM

Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the endearing ectotherms who call Greenbelt home? Join Environmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, and the Greenbelt Park Rangers to uncover the mysteries and misconceptions of these happening herps!

Register at <https://ow.ly/zu0y50RyU5J>.



CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge:

- Dementia Friendly America Webinars, May - June.
- Emergency Diaper Distribution. Must register <https://forms.gle/fEGq7ScdrUdZgCgy9>
- Produce Distribution at the Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Road
Upcoming Dates: May 16, from 1 - 3 pm
- Produce Distribution at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln (Greenbelt West Residents Only)
Upcoming Dates: May 16, from 3 - 4:15 pm

For descriptions and information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESPROGRAMS and see ads on this page!

GREENBELT DAY WEEKEND

FRIDAY, MAY 31 - SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Celebrate the occasion with special activities and enjoy the many amenities Greenbelt offers! Parks, pools, cinemas, historical programs, local eateries, and much more. Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation for additional information.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

11 am - 1 pm. County Councilmember Ingrid Watson Meet-N-Greet Senior Luncheon at the Community Center
3 pm. Flag Raising Ceremony Municipal Building. 25 Crescent

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

9 am. Walking for Wellness Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent
1 pm. Not for Seniors Only: Navigating the Complexities of Aging
1 pm. Reptiles & Amphibians 101 Nature Program at Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

10 am. Farmers Market Roosevelt Center Parking Lot, 131 Centerway
11 am. Local Food Fair, CO-OP's 40th Anniversary Celebration Greenbelt CO-OP Supermarket, 121 Centerway
12 pm. Naturalization Ceremony Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd
1 pm. Artful Afternoon Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd
1 pm. Greenbelt Museum Open House 10B Crescent Rd
3 pm. Greenbelt Combined Musical Concert Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd

MEETINGS FOR JUNE 3 - 7

Monday, June 3 at 7:30 pm, REGULAR MEETING / BUDGET ADOPTION

Tuesday, June 4 at 7 pm, PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, On the Agenda: Planning for Fall Community Meeting - Dangers of Radon & Carbon Monoxide, Participation in National Night Out

Wednesday, June 5 at 7:30 pm, WORK SESSION - REPARATIONS COMMISSION / PHASE 2 JEDI AUDIT PROCESS PRESENTATION

Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 pm, ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD, On the Agenda: Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes of May 15, Council Liaison Updates, Discussion on ARPA-Funded Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Improvements - Proposed Project List, Staff Updates

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GREENBELT JOB FAIR
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 12 - 2 PM
Beltway Plaza, 6000 Greenbelt Road

The City of Greenbelt will be hosting a Job Fair on Saturday, June 8, from 12 - 2 pm at Beltway Plaza.

Join us for our semi-annual Greenbelt Job Fair! Learn about the latest job opportunities, connect with local employers, and get access to a variety of employment resources and training.

Sign-up today as an employer or job seeker to join us in this semi-annual event.

Contact Deji Ayoku at dayoku@greenbeltmd.gov or by phone at (202) 740-6473.

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobfair for more information or to register.



FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

UPCOMING PRODUCE DISTRIBUTIONS
JUNE 20 - TWO LOCATIONS

Community Center Ground Floor East: 1 pm, while supplies last. Open to all Greenbelt residents. Must have a registration card via Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center: 3 - 4:15 pm, registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only. Register via email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

Open Registration

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST REGISTER EACH MONTH.

Parents must present proof of Greenbelt residency displaying parent's name and residential address, state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate.

To register: <https://forms.gle/fEGq7ScdrUdZgCgy9> or call Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302.



CHESAPEAKE BAY AWARENESS WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 10 AM - 1 PM
Greenbelt Forest Preserve

Be a part of the community effort to rejuvenate the forest understory in Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive species and install native trees and shrubs in the understory.

Register at <https://ow.ly/Mtlx50RYQlt>.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Volunteers are needed every third Thursday of the month at the Spring Hill Lake Recreation Center & the Greenbelt Community Center. Volunteers will assist with setting up tables, sorting and organizing fresh fruits and vegetables, and distributing them to families in need.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center Volunteers - For information, contact Katherine Farzin (240) 524-2019.
To register, please use the link: <https://forms.gle/AqNxCARjwioCntWf9>.

Greenbelt Community Center Volunteers - For more information, contact Flora Li (301) 412-2480.

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I'm doing well at the shelter, but I've been here a while. I'm ready for my second chance to have a fur-ever home and to be your purr-fect pal. I'd love to meet you and see if we click.

Call (301) 474-6124 or email animalcontrol@greenbeltmd.gov!



GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.



COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Youth Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Employee Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, or the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and make a difference in Greenbelt!

By dedicating your time and expertise, you will help shape the future of Greenbelt and create a community that values the voices of all its residents. Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

ARTFUL AFTERNOONS OUTDOOR PAINTING PARTY

Sunday, June 2, 1 - 3 pm, FREE Greenbelt Community Center

With artist Racquel Keller. All ages welcome. FREE.

Details at <https://bit.ly/3R1hxbF>.

Sunday, June 9, 1 - 3 pm, FREE Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Enjoy an outdoor painting party with artist Racquel Keller. All ages. FREE.

Details at <https://bit.ly/3UH0hsY>.

WALKING FOR WELLNESS 2024

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 9 AM

Buddy Attick Park Lake

May is observed as Mental Health Awareness Month. Help the Greenbelt Police Department raise awareness and provide support for those in our community. Join us for a delightful spring walk around Buddy Attick Park Lake. Enjoy the fresh air and other smiling faces.

Vendors for this event should arrive by 8 am.

The Wellness Walk will begin at 9 am, but walkers and runners are encouraged to start arriving by 8:30 am.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Police Department. 550 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. (301) 474-7200.

GREENBELT ARPA GRANT PROGRAMS

Applications Deadlines Extended Through August 30, 2024

To view grant programs, or to see how other ARPA programs are helping your community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic visit us at www.engagegreenbelt.org.

GREENBELT RECREATION'S SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE

Enjoy classes all summer! Register online at greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide

Registration currently open for residents, opens May 28 for non-residents.

Sign-up today!

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Historic Preservation staff recommended the designation, citing the building’s design characteristic of the Greenbelt National Historic Landmark; its representation of political history, education and suburban growth; and as a rare example of Art Moderne/International architecture in Prince George’s County. Their report included the building’s role in the 1973 racial desegregation of Prince George’s County Public Schools.

Commissioner Jane Carpenter-Rock asked Holton if historic site designation would hinder educational services, to which Holton said no. When HPC Chair John Peter Thompson asked if DKFI would stay in the building, Holton described its planned move to another location. Hruby said, “The city has growing concerns about the future of this site, particularly given recent announcements by PGCPs regarding relocation,” and “We firmly believe the site does meet the criteria to be designated a Historic Site.”

Building Condition, Next Steps

The building has been in poor condition since at least 2007, when occupied by Greenbelt Middle School (GMS). That led to constructing the new (2012) GMS building and plans to demolish the old building. In March 2024 PGCPs Director of Building Services Samuel Stefanelli warned the building could have a critical failure at any time. Reported challenges include water leakage, structural decay, non-working restrooms and rooms without air conditioning or heat. Last week the aftercare provider at the school said they were unable to continue to operate due to Maryland Department of Health and Safety requirements after air-conditioning failed in parts of the building used by aftercare. After the holiday weekend, parents were awaiting an inspection from the Office of Childcare and Licensing that would allow aftercare to reopen.

In January 2024 PGCPs leaders told Greenbelt City Council they planned to move DKFI out of the building in 2026 and move Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHLES) into the building while a new SHLES building is

constructed. On March 11, Shawn Matlock, PGCPs’ Office of Alternative Infrastructure and Planning and Development director, said the building’s “non-historic portions will be decommissioned and/or the building transferred to the City of Greenbelt,” adding that PGCPs would demolish the building if not transferred to Greenbelt.

City Ownership Implications

If the city were to acquire access to some or all of the property, it could be used to provide recreational facilities and other services to Greenbelt West residents, a need often discussed but hampered by the city owning minimal land in Greenbelt West. In 2011 when PGCPs first planned to vacate the building, the city discussed its future use, but discussion ended when PGCPs decided to move the Robert Goddard French Immersion Program (later renamed Dora Kennedy) into the building, after a \$5.7M renovation.

DKFI, SHLES Concerns

Historic Site designation adds processes to protect the building and PGCPs decommissioning offers opportunities to serve Greenbelt West residents. These opportunities don’t directly affect the challenges the DKFI and SHLES communities will face as current and future occupants of an old building for which minimal improvements are planned during their occupancy through 2028.

A Legacy and a Future

Board of Education Member for District 2 Jonathan Briggs said, “School buildings are not just the physical building, but the memories and experiences that so many in the community have been a part of. This building has

history and sentiment for the community as a whole. It’s great news that the legacy of the building will live on.”

By email, Greenbelt City Manager Josué Salmerón said he is “excited that the commission unanimously approved the Historic Site designation. It is an important piece of Greenbelt’s history. I believe the school site can be a strategic location for enhancing services for our residents. While we haven’t had any discussions about potential uses of the space ... the possibilities of how it can continue to serve our residents are endless. I am hopeful that once the school facility is decommissioned – and now with the historic designation – we will be intentional about repurposing the site for continued use as a community asset, similarly to how the Community Center is now a community asset.”

Historical Perspective

The location for the school was chosen to serve both Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights, and Greenbelt students used the underpass under Edmonston Road to get to school before the Beltway was built.

A Building Timeline

- 1938-1951 Greenbelt High School
- 1951-1981 Greenbelt Junior High School
- 1981-2012 Greenbelt Middle School
- 2014-present Dora Kennedy French Immersion School



The red border marks the 12.58 acres designated as a Prince George's County Historic Site. At its left from bottom to top are the PGCPs bus lot, playing fields and Greenbelt Middle School. Greenbelt Road is at the bottom.

PHOTO COURTESY PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

GAC Offers Enhancements On Play’s Opening Weekend

by Greg Young

This Friday, May 31, is the opening night for Fiveplay, a comedy about polyamory and the modern family at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). The play focuses on the ups and downs of the complex relationships between six characters who share a living situation called a “polycule.” Opening night is always exciting for live theater shows. The actors and supporting backstage people are nervous with excitement and expectation. And the audience is often made up of committed locals who want to be the first to see the production. GAC will expand on opening night excitement by offering the theater audience several enhancements.

One enhancement is artwork by local artists displayed in the theater lobby. For this production paintings by local artist Alindwa Kamala will be on view and, in GAC’s online art gallery, stained glass pieces by David Heintzelman (greenbeltartscenter.org/online-gallery-david-heintzelman).

Another bonus offering will be a Talkback on Sunday, June 2, at the conclusion of the 2 p.m. performance. The audience will have an opportunity to speak directly with writer Erica Smith and director Rocky Nunzio and to ask questions. Smith will discuss what motivated her to write the

play and Nunzio will share his experiences as director and as an actor in previous projects. The Talkback should be lively and interesting, and is included with the regular price of admission.

GAC also offers another type of enhancement to their productions. Out of concern for those who are reluctant to attend public events after the recent pandemic scares, GAC adds one performance where all supporting personnel are required to wear masks. All audience members are also required to wear masks. The goal is to have at least one show that is as safe as possible for those who want or need to limit their exposure to health risks. The mask-only event takes place Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are required for performances. Viewing art in the lobby is free. For more information go to greenbeltartscenter.org or email info@greenbeltartscenter.org.

Tickets can be purchased at the box office or online at greenbeltartscenter.org up to one hour prior to show time. The box office, run by volunteers, is open limited hours – emails are answered as quickly as possible. For more information, call Greenbelt Arts Center, 301-441-8770.

Greg Young is a volunteer with the Greenbelt Arts Center.



PHOTO BY ROCKY NUNZIO

Actors rehearse for Fiveplay at GAC.



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Greenbelt Elementary School PTA

Labor Day Festival

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Mishkan Torah Open House Welcomes Young and Old

by Karen Knee



At the Mishkan Torah open house on May 19, teens Isaac Hoskey, Emmanuel Gold, Hadassah Bolden and Jesse Kliman lead outdoor activities for kids.

On Sunday, May 19 from 1 to 5 p.m., Mishkan Torah held an open house featuring live music, games and crafts for kids and an ice cream social. Approximately 85 people, from infants to seniors, attended the event, which was timed to coincide with the Jewish holiday of Lag Ba'Omer. Lag Ba'Omer is a minor yet joyous holiday, with traditions including picnics, bonfires, archery and planting trees.

The main event was an hour-long concert by Lox and Vodka, a Washington, D.C.-based Klezmer, Jewish and American band. They played a wide array of songs in Hebrew, Yiddish and English, including favorites from Irving Berlin, Leonard Cohen and the Beatles, as well as original compositions. By the end, attendees were clapping along and dancing all around the sanctuary.

One motivation for the open house was to give community members, especially families with young children, a chance to experience what Mishkan Torah has to offer. Starting in the fall, Mishkan Torah will be offering Sunday school classes for kids in kindergarten and first grade, as well as a Torah for Tots program for younger kids. These programs are tuition-free and do not require

synagogue membership. Sunday school classes for older kids and social activities for teens will also pick back up in the fall.

Mishkan Torah's children's education program is different from what some people might expect from a religious school. It is inclusive and welcoming to all, including interfaith and LGBTQ+ families, and focuses on Jewish culture and holidays, ethics, Hebrew language basics, making friends and having fun. Led by Cantor Yael Fischman, the students engage in a variety of hands-on learning activities such as camping, nature walks, holiday-themed cooking projects and plays. To learn more, email ChildrensEd@MishkanTorah.org.

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WSSC Project Manager Christopher DeHerde provided most of the information, assisted by a project outreach manager, government affairs manager and customer advocates in attendance. WSSC staff had met with the Advisory Planning Board (APB) days prior to the worksession.

In order to easily access and rehabilitate the standpipe, WSSC has purchased the house at 241 Lastner Lane. DeHerde explained that rodents, vandalism and roof leaks have damaged the house. WSSC contacted Community Forklift to offer any usable components of the house but only a few were deemed salvageable, even, in response to Councilmember Kristen Weaver's question, the retaining wall on the property. DeHerde noted that the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department has contacted WSSC to discuss using the property for training purposes. In the demolition plan, the house, three sheds and a small parking lot on the property will be removed. An underground altitude valve, which operates on demand, and its piping will also be removed as they are at the end of their useful life. The existing driveway will be removed but the apron will be retained. Terri Hruby, director of Planning and Community Development, encouraged WSSC to bring the driveway up to commercial standards.

In the current site plan for the project, DeHerde explained, the existing fence will be set back about 25 to 30 feet from Lastner Lane. Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected, saying the fencing would be an "intrusion" into a residential neighborhood, but it was pointed out that the area is already fenced on three sides for security purposes and that immediate neighbors have agreed with WSSC's suggested fence line. The proposed fence will be eight feet tall and have a black PVC coating. There will not be exterior lighting nor security cameras. The fence will have one access point that will be locked. The proposed landscaping plan includes 52 plantings of a mix of holly, arborvitae and birch to provide screening for the fence. A pollinator garden has been

proposed but may be reduced in size or eliminated if its cost becomes prohibitive. Mayor Emmett Jordan asked which entity would be responsible for the maintenance of the plantings, and DeHerde replied that WSSC would maintain the area. A resident of Julian Court requested that trees be placed on the back and side of the WSSC property to screen the view of the fence, and DeHerde stated he would look into the possibility and adjust the plan accordingly. Councilmember Silke Pope requested that the city arborist be consulted about the plantings. Monica Marquina, government affairs manager, agreed to contact the city horticulture staff.

Structural Integrity, Painting

Structural upgrades to the standpipe itself include improvements in railings and additional safety measures for workers in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements, replacing the altitude valve and its piping, repairing the foundation of the standpipe which is chipped

in places, adding structural steel upgrades and applying an epoxy coating after an abrasive blasting to remove rust. Roberts asked about the structural integrity of the standpipe. DeHerde responded that it was inspected and evaluated at the beginning of the project and, while there is some corrosion and rust present as the standpipe had not been coated in more than 20 years, he assured council it is structurally sound and can be repaired to be "as good as new." Roberts asked how long the standpipe can last. If it is properly maintained with periodic coating, it can last indefinitely, DeHerde replied. City Manager Josué Salmerón asked when the standpipe was last drained and the interior resurfaced and was told it was also 20 years or more ago.

The decorative painting of the rehabilitated standpipe was a less serious topic. Four options were presented by WSSC: its standard blue color, a light green fading to a dark green at the top, a dark

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written by Erica Smith / directed by Rocky Nunzio

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May 31-June 15


Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm

Sundays at 2pm

Ticket pricing:

[\$24 General Admission]

[\$22 Senior/Military] [\$12 Child/Student]



SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, June 2:

Post-matinee talkback with the director, playwright, and inspiration for Fiveplay

Friday/Saturday, June 7-8:

Understudy performances

Sunday, June 9:

COVID-conscious masked matinee (patrons must wear facemasks)

Friday, June 14:

Talkback with the cast!



GAC

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fatally shot. The 19-year-old from Six Mile, S.C., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.”

State Senator Alonzo Washington’s comments further supported the day’s solemnity. “Memorial Day is more than just a long weekend or unofficial start of summer,” he said. “We gather today on this solemn occasion of Memorial Day, we come together not only to enjoy the camaraderie of community but to honor and pay tribute to the greatest men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to serve our nation....”

Mayor Emmett Jordan presented a Memorial Day Proclamation extolling heroes’ sacrifice and devotion. “We’re forever grateful for their courage, selflessness and dedication to serve,” he said. “We should always honor the fallen men and women who served and defended our great nation with prayers for peace.”

It has been said many times, but it is particularly relevant on Memorial Day. As proud Americans, we should all remember that our freedom is not free. “It is only possible because heroes, some from our own families or neighborhoods, have paid a high price. It’s that price which enables us to have ceremonies

and observances like this in towns across this great country,” Gigliotti said. “In The American Legion Preamble, we pledge to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars. We do this not to pat ourselves on the back or impress people with stories of our own military service. We know what we did. But we are also witnesses. Veterans have seen heroism in its purest form.” Veterans served alongside the very men and women remembered today. One such witness was Lou Conter. On April 1, 2024, Lou died at age 102. He was the last survivor of the USS Arizona. During Pearl Harbor observances in 2020, Conter said to The American Legion, “We’re not the heroes. The 1,177 who went down with the ship are the heroes. You have to remember we got to go home, get married, have children and grandchildren and we’ve lived a good life. Those who didn’t get to do that should be called the heroes.... We were able to raise families, continue careers and live good lives because of the sacrifices made by young men and women who never came home. We must always remember them. May they all rest in peace.”

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DEI survey, Smith reiterated, is “going to locations where people go, literally anywhere across the city, making sure we are trying to engage and set aside time in all our busy lives.” More ways to reach more people across Greenbelt are the logistical concerns the pre-survey will try to unearth.

Bob Rand, of the Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance, spoke about tracking the progress of racial equity in Greenbelt. In 1970, Greenbelt was almost all white; in 2000, the demographics were about equal; Greenbelt is now 75 percent Black. A quantitative analysis shows gaps and disparities between how whites accumulated wealth while Blacks were prevented from doing so (for example, through homeownership). But a qualitative approach asks the question: How do people affected by racism feel about their lives and experiences? Rand’s review of this year’s city budget shows more references to diversity, equity and inclusion than in

previous years.

Audience members were interested in both quantitative and qualitative assessments of racial progress in Greenbelt. Many speakers noted that more programs are offered in some areas of Greenbelt than in others. One person stated, “There is not enough understanding that Greenbelt was built with an idealistic view that was not accessible to people of color.” Another participant said, “If one person is oppressed, we should feel compelled to alleviate that oppression. We need to share amenities. We definitely need more transit. And we want to foster a physical and an emotional connection between our neighborhoods.”

One thing that has improved is diversity on the city council, not just racially, but in terms of where councilmembers live around Greenbelt. Councilmember Kristen Weaver, who lives in Greenbelt Station, pointed out

that every resident should feel empowered to contact council members by emailing council@greenbeltmd.gov.

The members of various groups shared many things that need work around Greenbelt, but also focused on positive achievements. The Greenbelt Lions are involved at Greenbelt Middle School in a program called Art for Peace. Eleanor Roosevelt High School students are starting a mentorship program with Greenbelt Middle School students. Other successes are the CHEARS gardens located in Franklin Park, Schrom Hills and Old Greenbelt and celebration of the Green Man Festival around the city. The Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Alliance completed a well-regarded 11-week discussion series called Sacred Ground, discussing race and racism. A second city shuttle bus is in the works, and more initiatives are to come.

Obituaries continued

Jerriann will always be remembered for her willful banter and sass. One can imagine her saying, “I’m fat and sassy and how the hell are you?” one more time. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who loved her.

Jerriann was preceded in death by her son Randy and her parents Edgar and Vera Weber. She is survived by sons Michael and Raymond; grandchildren Melanie Adams, Jon Michael, Raymond Jr., Paul Andrew, Jerriann

Kress and Amanda Rae; and great grandchildren Taylyn Adams, Gavin Adams, Lennon Olivia, Talulah Kress and Dakota Kress. She is also survived by her sister Helen Camer.

A service of celebration will begin at 11 a.m. on June 17, 2024, at the Greenbelt Community Church. In lieu of flowers, donations to Greenbelt Community Church can be made in her honor.

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green with a lighter green top, or a light green with a band of trees drawn around the top. In her comments, Isabelle Gournay, for the APB, suggested a city logo such as the one used for the city’s 75th anniversary be added. She noted that as an architectural historian, she would like to see a sign explaining the history of the standpipe and why it is an important feature of Greenbelt.

The scope of work was described in the presentation. The project will be prepared for bid this summer. After the contract is awarded, a contractor selected and the plan prepared, DeHerde estimated that work may begin this winter. Demolition of the 241 Lastner Lane structures may then take place in the spring of 2025, and is expected to take up to one month, depending on the weather. The project is estimated to take

about 18 months to complete and is expected to be completed in the summer of 2026. During construction, a noise abatement plan will be in place, soil and sediment controls including a silt fence are planned and a dedicated construction entrance will be set up. Deliveries to the site will be arranged outside of school hours, noting the site’s proximity to Greenbelt Elementary School.

Communications

How communications about the project to residents and involved parties will be handled consumed a large part of the discussion. WSSC intends to use mailers to affected residents about the project and will update its webpage frequently. Council will be kept informed of progress. Jordan requested that the News Review be informed so the information may be published. Coun-

cilmember Jenni Pompei asked that there be a way for passersby and the wider community to be informed; she was assured that a project sign will be erected at the site. Information also will be disseminated on social media and on the city’s website.

Council reminded WSSC that Metrobuses use Lastner Lane and might be affected by construction. Jordan asked how the city would be notified in case of an emergency at the site and was told the police would be notified first and WSSC will set up a notification system for the appropriate contacts for the city. Councilmember Amy Knesel asked how customers whose water will be shut off during the drainage and rehabilitation of the interior of the standpipe will be notified. This

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred May 20-26, 2024. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Greenbelt Police Department reported three domestics, two with weapons, one with an arrest and one with a mental health diversion; two additional mental health diversions; and a sexual assault with arrest.

Robbery

On May 21 at 7:35 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a strong-armed robbery occurred in the mall parking lot. A woman was walking toward her vehicle when a young man came up from behind and snatched her purse out of her hands.

Assault

On May 20 at 12:52 a.m. near 5813 Cherrywood Terrace, an intoxicated man was pepper sprayed while he was walking.

On May 26 at 9:07 p.m. near 9005 Breezewood Terrace, a man was assaulted by someone known to him. He was advised on how to pursue a warrant.

On May 21 at 1:32 p.m. near 5707 Cherrywood Lane, officers were flagged down about an assault but the victim declined to press charges.

Break-in

On May 21 at 12:55 a.m. near 6152 Springhill Terrace, officers responded to a report of an attempted burglary. Behind the building, they heard a loud noise and saw the suspects but did not catch them.

Attempted Break-in

On May 21 at 11:56 a.m. near 6107 Breezewood Court, pry marks were found on an apartment door above the door knob.

DUI Arrests

On May 20 at 12:13 a.m. near 6116 Breezewood Drive, a witness saw a pickup truck strike multiple vehicles. Two men exited the vehicle and left the scene of the accident. Several witnesses saw the men strike multiple cars and start walking away. Officers found them with indications of alcoholic impairment. The driver was arrested for DUI and leaving the scene of multiple vehicle damage accidents.

On May 26 at 1:19 a.m. near 7900 Lakecrest Drive, officers were called to the scene and observed a vehicle crash upon arriving. A woman was trying to drive with children in the car after drinking too much; the driver tried to block her in and crashed into her car. After sobriety tests, the driver was arrested for DUI.

On May 26 at 2:45 a.m. near Kenilworth Avenue and Capital Beltway, officers observed a vehicle on the sidewalk. Upon making contact with the driver, there was a strong odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle. After administering standardized field sobriety tests the driver was arrested and charged with DUI.

On May 26 at 11:54 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Southway, a vehicle crashed into the guardrail and the driver admitted to drinking. The odor of alcohol was present, the driver's speech was slurred and after sobriety tests the driver was arrested for DUI.

Fraud

On May 24 near 11 Ridge Road, a man sent money to someone who pretended to work for a trademark company. He realized that he had been scammed and contacted the bank.

Theft

On May 21 near 25 Woodland Way, a package was missing. UPS had a record it was signed for but no one in the household had signed for it.

On May 23 near 7495 Greenbelt Road, a former employee stole items from the location. The owner was advised how to obtain an arrest warrant.

On May 24 near 6440 Cherrywood Lane, a UPS package was ripped open and the contents were stolen.

On May 25 at 7:23 p.m. near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, a man placed his phone on a charger on a table but when he came back it was gone.

Shoplifting

On May 20 at 4:34 p.m. near 7429 Greenbelt Road, a man grabbed several items then walked out and left in a blue sedan. On May 24 at 11:15 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a boy stole bags of candy. On May 25 at 12:58 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, two women and a man stole items.

Vandalism

On May 20 near 6237 Springhill Drive, a closet at a fitness center was broken into and the door to the surveillance room was kicked with a footprint on the door. Surveillance shows what appears to be a young man kicking the door open.

On May 21 near 7300 Hanover Drive, a medical office employee intentionally damaged medical equipment. He confessed to damaging the machines. Charges were not pursued.

On May 25 near 9134 Springhill Lane, youths broke garden lights.

On May 26 near 5303 Settling Pond Lane, someone spray-painted graffiti on front and garage doors.

On May 26 at 6:59 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, during an attempted theft, a suspect attempted to burn the security tag off an item of clothing. The clothing rack caught fire.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles

On May 20 near 9294

Edmonston Road, a blue 2016 Ford Fiesta (Pa. LTH6343), was reported stolen. While on scene officers also observed a silver 2014 Hyundai Sonata with damage to the door handle and the ignition.

Other cars stolen included: May 20 near 9154 Springhill Court, a gray 2019 Kia Sorento, (Md.: 8EL0576); May 22 near 7501 Greenway Center Drive, a 2013 Kia Optima (Md. 5DD5691); May 23 near 7737 Greenbrook Drive, a blue 2018 Kia Optima (Md. 6ED1457); May 24 near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a silver 2013 Hyundai Elantra (Md. 8EP7314); May 26 near 6200 Springhill Court, a silver 2015 Lexus RX350 (Md. 4FF0387), with the key left in the door; and May 26 near 7901 Mandan Road, a 2015 Infinite Q50 (Md. 4CG6527).

Stolen Vehicle Recovered

On May 22 near Southway and Ridge Road, a vehicle was found abandoned that had been stolen from Anne Arundel County.

Theft from Auto

On May 20 near 7708 Hanover Parkway, a 2023 Toyota Camry had all four wheels and tires stolen. Tags were stolen on May 22 near 6101 Breezewood Court (Md. 1EY2592); and on May 23 near 127 Westway, a front tag (Md.3FP4930).

Vandalism to Auto

On May 25 near 7814 Hanover Parkway, a 2024 Honda Pilot's windshield was heavily damaged.



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aspect of the project is expected to affect only 10 houses for about eight hours and will be done at night. Doorhangers will be placed at the affected houses 48 hours in advance containing information on how to contact WSSC.

WSSC's Telecommunications Systems Section Manager Wayne Anderson gave council an update on the telecommunications plan. T-Mobile will be erecting a 110-foot ballasted monopole to replace the equipment that is currently attached to the standpipe. T-Mobile will meet with the city in July and with the Telecommunications Commission in June.

Another lengthy discussion concerned the environmental impacts of the project, particularly the sandblasting of the tank and the possibility of lead paint present in the house or standpipe. DeHerde explained that a containment system will be used to collect dust and debris during the abrasive blasting. WSSC will employ a third-party environ-

mental company to monitor the amount and composition of dust and report any problems to the city and WSSC. Work would be shut down if unacceptable results were found, Marquina noted. Julian Court resident Thomas Zeller expressed his concerns about the possibility of lead exposure but felt "reassured" by the plan for monitoring. Jordan requested that the city be informed of the results of the monitoring.

Jordan ended the worksession by encouraging residents to watch for continuing updates on the project.

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Sports

Semifinal Comeback Highlights Roosevelt Softball Team’s Season

by Patrick Gleason



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The Roosevelt Raiders softball team celebrates their county championship victory over Oxon Hill High School on May 8; their season ended with a 21-1 record.

The Eleanor Roosevelt softball team ended their season with a league, county and region championship, culminating with the program’s first state finals appearance since 2001. Longtime coach Delton Fuller guided the Raiders to a 21-1 season that ended with a defeat by Leonardtown High School on Saturday, May 25 at the University of Maryland. After a leadoff homerun in the first inning, Leonardtown powered itself to a 14-0 state title victory behind a potent lineup.

Despite the loss, Roosevelt has much to cherish about its playoff run that began with dominant victories over Parkdale and DuVal. Then, the Raiders bested the Richard Montgomery Rockets in a close 4-0 state quarterfinal matchup. Junior pitcher Natalia Jarquin posted the shutout thanks to her varied pitching arsenal, while centerfielder Nicole Lilja tracked down several well-hit balls to thwart the Rockets. The game ended with leftfielder Bree Mullikin corraling a line drive to left field. Mullikin reached above her shoulder as she chased down the drive, securing the final out on a play that likely would have scored three runs if it dropped. But the Raiders weren’t done yet, as their state semifinal matchup was the apex of their impressive season.

In the May 21 state semifinal against the Perry Hall Gators, senior Mia Maniece’s second at-bat shifted the momentum in all the wrong ways. The Raiders loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the fourth inning, trailing 5-0. After Maniece swung and missed, the left-handed catcher hit Maniece’s chest in an attempted throw to third base. The umpire called Maniece out for interference and the Raiders squandered their opportunity, failing to score that inning.

However, the Raiders persevered as Jarquin reasserted herself to limit the Gator offense, and Roosevelt chipped away with two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Then, Lilja started the sixth inning with a single to the left center gap, bringing Maniece back to the plate, hungry for redemption. She responded in the most emphatic way possible, drilling a line drive over the centerfield fence for a two-run homer. The palpable pendulum of momentum darted in the Raiders’ favor as the entire dugout emptied to greet their second baseman at home plate. Catalyzed, the Raider offense found the smallest openings with multiple infield hits and a Gator throwing error. When the infield dirt cleared at the end of the sixth inning, seven unanswered runs left the Raiders three outs from a state final berth.

As the full moon ascended overhead, Jarquin matched its brightness in the seventh inning. After shortstop Desiree Fuller’s diving stop and blind flip to Maniece for a force-out at second notched the second out, Jarquin struck out the final batter, initiating a joyful celebration. Their comeback complete, the Raiders basked in the moonlight and their accomplishment: the first Roosevelt state final appearance in a sport other than basketball since 2007.

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Greenbelt Kids Cricket Team Is League Champion Again

by Randy Chow



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Greenbelt cricket team celebrates with their trophy after defeating Tyler Heights in the league final.

On the evening of Monday, May 20 the Greenbelt Cricket team won the Bowie Elementary School Teams (BEST) Cricket League in a final against Tyler Heights. The final score was 80 runs to 56. Greenbelter Peter Teuben described it as a thrilling match.

This marks Greenbelt Cricket’s third consecutive year as champions.

“It felt good. It was thrilling; this was my second year [on the team] and first time as captain,” said Safwan Choudhury of the Greenbelt Cricket team.

It was Perlan Choudhury’s first year as coach. “We’re so excited [to win the tournament],” he told the News Review. The tournament is mixed genders, and the age range of student competitors is third to fifth grade.

The Bowie Boys and Girls

Club (BBGC) founded the BEST Cricket League in 2014 to give “elementary school kids the opportunity to learn and enjoy the game,” according to BBGC’s website.

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Greenbriar Condominiums Celebrates 50th Anniversary with Festive Party

by Matt Neufeld

Jeanette Gordy was in her early 20s when she moved into her new home at Greenbriar Condominiums in Greenbelt on Sept. 15, 1974, which also happened to be her mother’s birthday, which was intentional.

Fifty years later, Gordy is still there.

Gordy, who is one of the original homeowners in the sprawling, well-kept and highly-regarded Greenbriar Condominiums development on Hanover Parkway, was one of hundreds of spirited, excited people who celebrated Greenbriar’s 50th anniversary at a festive Community Day party held at the Greenbriar Community Center on Saturday, May 25. Adding to the fun, May 25 also marked the official opening day of the Greenbriar and Glen Oaks communities’ much-loved Olympic-sized community pool.

“We’ve grown, and we’ve grown beautifully,” said Gordy, now 83 years young, as she sat in the shade in the Community Center parking lot amid the hectic, energetic party going on full-force around her. “We are now a multiracial community. And we take pride in being a part of the city of Greenbelt.”

Numerous other Greenbriar residents nodded their heads in agreement with Gordy, who is widely-known and well-respected for her longtime community and civic involvement.

The party was definitely a hit with the many residents who attended. The kids, teens and adults constantly buzzed energetically around the Community Center parking lot from noon to about 2 p.m., enjoying the party.

The busy, attentive Greenbriar staff treated residents to a bevy of celebratory offerings: free ice cream and funnel cakes from Paradise Ice Cream; an enormous table full of free hot dogs, hamburgers, fixings, snacks, juices and water; a line of huge carnival-style inflatable games; a huge inflatable climbing and jumping and sliding set-up; constant upbeat songs from DJ Reggie Reg; a balloon artist and face painter from Jason Levinson and Co.; a strolling magician; a table full of free goodies from Greenbriar, including candy, soap bubble containers and keychains; and even a free raffle with huge gift basket prizes.

“It’s a great thing to celebrate – the 50th anniversary of Greenbriar,” said Randi Ford, the community assistant at Greenbriar and one of the celebration’s main organizers. “Greenbriar is the first condominium (complex) that was built in Greenbelt. Greenbriar is special because we have a lot of original homeowners, and they take pride in their community.”

Greenbriar opened in 1974 in a much smaller, less crowded, less dense and much different Greenbelt. The city has grown up and around Greenbriar and its partner community, the adjacent Glen Oaks Apartments on Mandan Road, but both communities continue to thrive and survive amid the changes. They are well-maintained, safe, quiet and filled with green spaces, scores of trees, picnic areas and even a tree-filled, back-to-nature section of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve.



Opening day for summer 2024 at the Greenbriar pool

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Facepainting during Greenbriar's 50th birthday celebration

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Mayor Emmett Jordan poses with Linda Kulle, Greenbriar Phase II president.

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Greenbriar has 729 units and Glen Oaks has 463 units for a combined total of 1,192 units. The communities form a large U around the equally-sprawling Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The complexes are located within walking distance of Old Greenbelt, Greenway Center, several area parks and other neighborhoods that are filled with single-family homes, townhouses, apartments and condominiums.

Greenbriar is separated into three phases, or sections. Phase I has 253 units; Phase II has 236 units; and Phase III has 240 units, according to the Greenbriar website. Each Phase has its own board of directors, all of whom are elected members of the community.

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks

share the much-lauded, highly-praised and popular pool, which is located behind the Community Center. The communities also share the tennis courts, volleyball courts and tree-covered, shady picnic area, all of which are adjacent to the pool and Community Center. Inside the Community Center, there are Greenbriar offices, business offices and a Terrace Room and adjacent kitchen that are available to rent by the community for parties, meetings, receptions and other social and community events and activities.

Greenbriar also has its own monthly newsletter, The Crier, which is filled with community and complex news, pointers, tips, guidelines, reminders and helpful hints.

Sitting with Gordy at the 50th Anniversary Celebration party was Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan, himself a proud Greenbriar resident for 24 years.

“It’s great, it’s a beautiful community,” said Jordan. “It’s great being here for the 50th anniversary. The pool is open, our neighbors are here. It’s a great community! It’s almost underappreciated! It’s great to celebrate 50 years with neighbors and friends.”

About 2 p.m., as the parking lot anniversary party wound down, the celebration simply moved the short distance over to the nearby pool, which was jam-packed with people of all ages, swimming, splashing, playing, squirting water guns, tossing balls and just having a great time in and around the water. The fun scene simply announced with authority and energy that Greenbriar is still going strong after 50 years, and, of course, that another summer season had arrived to help propel Greenbriar into the start of the durable community’s next 50 years.



Laverne Smith, Greenbriar Phase I vice president, poses with Randi Ford, Greenbriar community assistant.

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City Notes

The County Historic Preservation Commission, with city staff attending, unanimously designated Greenbelt High School as a county Historic Site.

Human Resources met with Public Works staff about promotional paths and continuing education. Planning visited bus stops slated for American Rescue Plan Act-funded improvements.

The Animal Shelter, hosting seven cats, six kittens, seven dogs and a rabbit, resumed offering public hours.

Public Works streets crew repaired the St. Hugh’s blacktop and Environmental/Sustainability held a Pollinator Circle Meeting.

Recreation and city manager staff met to discuss city employment opportunities for teens. Arts supported an Arts Advisory Board mixer event at the New Deal Café.

Therapeutic Recreation hosted an Active Aging trip to Bowie Baysox Bingo and Buffet. Forty-three seniors are enrolled in the senior luncheon program.

Two new Park Rangers are on board for the summer. Rangers reported suspicious activity in Buddy Attick Park to police, who responded promptly.

CARES’ Education/Workforce coordinator attended Summer Resource Night at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

GCC to Host Interfaith Speakers

David Alexander, a member of the Greenbelt Community Church (GCC), in his travels has visited monasteries exploring the question of what a pilgrimage means in today’s world.

This led Alexander to organize the next Prince George’s County Interfaith Conversation on the concept of pilgrimage and what it means to Muslim, Sikh and Christian communities. The speakers are Dr. Aref Dajani, Dr. Hema Sidhu and Reverend Ellen Witko. The event will be held on Monday, June 3 at 7 p.m. at the GCC.

Alexander said he started working on this event after seeing one organized by the Prince George’s County Human Rights Office outreach team headed by Kyla Hanington. Hanington was thrilled with the suggestion to hold such an event at GCC. The focus of the interfaith discussions is “to end discrimination before it begins by helping folks build relationships, get to know and understand one another,” she said of her office’s sponsorship of the interfaith events.

“We are excited about the interfaith series highlighting different voices and perspectives on a variety of themes,” she continued. “Our event with GCC focuses on pilgrimage and invites panelists to consider what pilgrimage means for and from their faith perspective and if and how they have experienced pilgrimage in their own lives.”

The free June 3 event, open to the public, will be held in GCC’s fellowship hall. Light refreshments will be served afterward. GCC is located at 1 Hillside Road. For more information email office@greenbeltuucc.org.

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